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NO LIQUIDATION OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Labour M. P. Echoes Churchill Dictum: Need For Closer Economic Co-operation To Prevent U. S. Inroads For Markets

LONDON, April 21.

The House of Commons today discussed the future relations between Great Britain and the Dominions—a debate which has added interest in view of the forthcoming conference of Dominions Prime Ministers.

There was a large attendance, including Mr. Churchill, Mr. Attlee and Mr. Amery, when Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell (Labour) moved "That the United Kingdom should do its utmost by close co-operation and regard for different points of view of the nations of the Commonwealth to preserve in time of war."

BRITAIN'S PURPOSE

Mr. Shinwell said that Britain's purpose was to raise the standard of life for all elements within the Empire whether they were Black or White. "It has become fashionable in certain quarters to indulge in sneers at the British Empire. I readily admit that in the past mistakes were made.

Our treatment of native people was not without blemish. Perhaps here and there our administration was far from perfect. But it does not lie in the mouths of other nations and other peoples to indulge in derogatory terms regarding our administration until they put their own house in order' (hear hear). There was the native problem within the British Commonwealth of Nations. The United States had the Negro problem In the sphere of acquisition of territory even our friends of Soviet Russia, for sound and proper purposes in order to safeguard themselves against possible aggression in future, had sought to exercise —he put it no higher than that—protectorate for the defence of their territories.

NO SHAM EMPIRE.

After urging immediate inquiry into the possibilities of post-war expansion in the Dominions, India and the colonies including financial implications, Mr. Shinwell added: "The people of this country do not want a sham Empire but real Empire and are heart and soul with those throughout the Empire who are anxious to promote a higher standard of life on the basis of economic expansion. But they must be prepared for certain sacrifices and I suggest as one that we should from accumulated national savings invest a large proportion of these savings in those Empire countries which need them, particularly colonies, and that it would be much better to invest savings throughout the Empire than to invest them in South American countries from which in the long run we gather very little return."

INDIAN PROBLEM.

Turning to India Mr. Shinwell said: "It seems to me that the problem confronting us there and which confronts the people of India is more an economic problem than a political one. After all what does it matter about Hindus and Moslems, if you can raise the standard of life of the 400 millions in that country? By raising the standard of life of those 400 millions not only have we accomplished something that is worthy and desirable for those people, but we have provided ourselves with extensive markets, and, indeed, extensive markets for the whole of the Empire countries". Mr. Shinwell added that there was nothing exclusive about this and nothing hostile to other countries associated with Britain.

Referring to American and other comment on the British Empire Mr. Shinwell said: "I propose to speak blunt, but I hope with courtesy, to the peoples of the United States and elsewhere". Mr. Shinwell said he occasionally found himself in disagreement with the Prime Minister.

"But I am in hearty accord with the view he expressed some time ago on the subject of suggested liquidation of the Empire" (cheers).

"We have no intention, anyone of us, of throwing the British Commonwealth of Nations overboard to satisfy a section of the American press or, indeed, anyone else", declared Mr. Shinwell amid cheers.

POST-WAR ECONOMIC POSITION.

Regarding the post-war economic position, Mr. Shinwell said that facts had to be faced. Unless this was done on the basis of enlightened self-interest by the Commonwealth, not only would Britain's plight be precarious, but that of the Dominions would be more precarious still. The great problem was one of markets and he hoped that this would be discussed at the Prime Ministers' conference. Mr. Shinwell did not believe that secondary industries in the Dominions would harm British industry. Mr. Shinwell added: "There is a strong case in relation to Empire collaboration particularly in the economic sphere for the bringing of the whole of the Empire countries into the picture and allowing them to exercise something in the nature of supervision over the whole of the Empire countries, including colonies .....there should be established an Economic Council for the whole Empire which can consider first of all an inventory of Empire resources and what the Empire has at its disposal in raw material, land, fertility and all the rest. It is a task which should be undertaken almost at once".

AMERICA AND MARKETS.

Mr. Shinwell said that Britain should avail herself of economic possibilities within the vast Empire market.

The problem for America after the war would be how to dispose of surplus products. Was she to find markets "in our market"? There were sections in the United States who would like to make an agreement with the Dominions one by one. Mr. Shinwell regarded that as disastrous for Britain and the Dominions.

ABOLISH DOMINION OFFICE

Mr. Vernon Bartlett (Independent) said that the Dominions were still worried and frightened by the idea that Britain was trying to impose upon them some limitation of their independence and sovereignty. They did not want the United Kingdom to have so predominant a voice in their affairs. Changes in the Commonwealth machinery and development were desirable and necessary. Mr. Bartlett thought that the more Britain looked upon itself as one of the Dominions on an equal footing with the other Dominions the better. He suggested the abolition of the Dominions Office and replacement of the existing High Commissioners by Ambassadors. It would then be easier to replace the present officials by some permanent secretariat with personnel recruited from Britain, the Dominions and some colonies. Mr. Bartlett declared that the Commonwealth must not become a bloc of States in rivalry to the Soviet Union, the United States or any other great power that might arise.

Mr. Edgar Granville (Independent) said that Australia, Canada, India, South Africa and the Middle-East had all now in some form or another begun the process of building up war industries and a committee of imperial defence of the future would have to give a great deal of its time not ordinary strategy, but industrial strategy throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. Granville hoped that the meeting of Dominion Prime Ministers would consider the suggestion that a Commonwealth Development Air Board would be set up in order to plan Empire routes for civil aviation. He also hoped that they would consider the whole question of Empire broadcasting. There should be a correlated Empire broadcasting policy.

LOOT AND BOOTY

Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) said that he thought the Conservative Party had idealised the growth of the British Empire. "They think it was a sort of development of truth and beauty and we all know it was loot and booty." He said that in the past Britain had shamefully exploited the Colonial Empire. She had been a race of absentee landlords, but in recent years had tried honestly and in all sincerity to develop the resources of the Colonial Empire with a view to developing the sense of independence of the Colonial people.

He did not believe in the idea of an Empire Cabinet, although he would welcome frequent consultations by the Prime Ministers of the Dominions on matters of major policy.

UNITED EMPIRE POLICY

Accepting the motion on behalf of Government, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister for Trade, said that Government would not take final decisions on any matters discussed to-day, until after there had been an opportunity of discussing them with the Dominion Government representatives. "We shall seek to achieve, in respect of all matters referred to, a united Empire policy in peace as we have achieved it in war."

THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) said that he was rather surprised at the little mention of India. Mr. Shinwell had said that their problems were more economic than political. "I wish that were true", commented Sir Percy Harris.

"I am sure Mr. Amery wishes that were true. There is a feeling in India that economic problems will not be solved until the people are provided with a constitution. We have definitely promised that after the war India shall be a Dominion. It is a genuine promise and represents the real and sincere desire of the British people and of this House of Commons. I want to see after the war—the earlier the better—India becoming the Sixth Dominion. I would like to know that in the discussions which are to take place between the Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth India will be represented. I understand she will be represented by at least one distinguished Indian statesman. It would be unfortunate if they were not present at these Councils, because the British Commonwealth will not be complete until we have India friendly and co-operating with us in our common problems".

Mr. Wedderburn (Conservative), a member of the British Parliamentary Delegation to which recently visited China, said that he had had opportunities of seeing the possibilities of economic expansion there. It would be an excellent thing to send capital exports to China but clearly there must be some limit to what Britain did. "We will not be able to scatter British capital broadcast all over the world as we did in the 19th century. We must discriminate, we must select, we must control."

Mr. Hore Belisha advocated more non-political functional institutions such as the Middle East Supply Centre which more effectively controlled the economic life of the Middle East than any of the separate Governments concerned, except possibly two. The advantage of this functional control was that it was flexible. On this basis it was possible to achieve a closer functional union with the Empire while, at the same time, retaining the co-operation Britain had with other countries, notably America. "The Empire is not a sick body. It is Europe that is sick", Mr. Hore Belisha added.

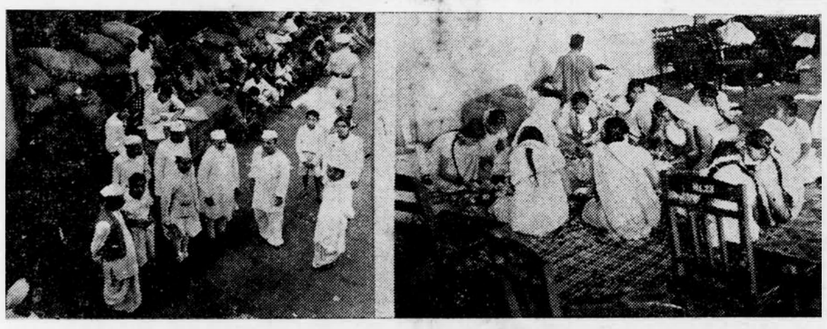
VAPID OUTBURST

Captain de Chair (Conservative) said: "We must count more heads if we are to hold our own. Whether white, brown or black they are all citizens of the British Empire who owe allegiance to the King Emperor. What part the 390 millions of India will play in the British Empire when they attain to a greater measure of self-Government it will be rash to prophesy."

Sir Herbert Williams (Conservative), referring to Sir P. Harris's remarks about the promise of Dominion status for India after the war said: "How can you make a Dominion of a country which will be tyrannised by the worst aristocracy in the world—the Brahmin class.

WINTERTON'S RETORT TO AMERICANS.

Earl Winterton (Conservative) referred to the criticisms in the United States about the treatment of Indians and native people in British colonies. He said if people in the United States thought it right to interest themselves in indigenous races, it would be only proper for Britain to say that she claimed the same right and ask what was the position with regard to coloured men in southern United States. He thought that ought to be stated in the House of Commons. Earl Winterton paid a tribute to Mr. Churchill as "Captain General of the whole British Commonwealth" the name of whose courage had never flickered or faltered.



Left: Mayor Nagindas Master among relief workers. Right: Women Volunteers at Hirabaug cutting vegetables for feeding evacuees from explosion and fire affected areas.

Badoglio's New Govt.

NAPLES, April 21.

The Action Party in liberated Italy has agreed to participate in an all-party Government. This means that all the six anti-Fascist parties have agreed to be represented in Marshal Badoglios new Government.

E-Boat Sunk

Mediterranean Allied Force advance Headquarters: To-day's Allied "communique states "on the night of April 19, a "destroyer" of the United States navy intercepted four enemy E-boats off the Anzio beachhead. In the action that followed, one E-boat was probably sunk and another probably damaged.

PROGRESS OF RELIEF WORK IN CITY

Part Of Evacuated Area Thrown Open For Occupation: Rest Camps Provide Facilities To Refugees

The dual work of opening up of the area affected by the explosions and fires and that of rendering relief to the distressed is now proceeding apace.

While the injured are slowly recovering from their wounds and more and more destitutes are being given shelter and food, part of the area which was evacuatd is now thrown open for occupation. Members of the City Engineer's staff are busily engaged in inspecting buildings which have been damaged. While certain tenants of buildings taken off the cordon have occupied their premises in a hurry, others remain locked up and it is somewhat difficult to trace the tenants. Both these facts are proving something of a hindrance to the engineers.

CALL TO TENANTS & LANDLORDS

Following on the somewhat unplanned reinhabitation process, the authorities have now decided to announce the opening up of certain areas and call upon the tenants as well as landlords of the buildings to be present. In consultation with the Citizens Relief Committee, the authorities have asked owners and tenants of buildings in some streets to present themselves before the respective cordons between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday.

Another aspect of the work in affected localities is the permission to remove their belongings from buildings which are not in a position to be occupied. Residents of two streets whose belongings still remain in the cordoned premises will be allowed to remove them from 9 a.m. to-day (Saturday).

Yet another aspect of the question is the permission merely to visit the residential buildings or warehouses affected by the fire. Day by day larger and larger number of people are being allowed to visit their former residences or godowns under police surveillance. For the first time people evacuated from the East side of the railway line were given such permits to-day.

STILL SMOULDERING!

Besides these a large crowd of curious spectators coming from far and near go upto the police cordons or in trains to see the ruins. A few houses and godowns in certain areas are still smouldering and firemen and salvage workers are still busy trying to locate the hidden centres of ignition and extinguish them completely.

Gifts:—The Kohinoor Mills have given a quantity of saris, dhotis and shirting materials, which the Tata Industrial Institute has promised to turn into clothing in the immediate future. Clothing has also been received from the following:—Mr. Hari Mahadev Vaidya, Mr. Yaolekar and the Sanghevi Bros. from Dadar.

Another centre has been opened at Khetwadi.

REST CAMP

When any sufferer goes to a Municipal Rest Centre, he is received and provided immediately with food. He is then taken in the Municipality's own transport to a rest camp where he is kept along with others and given facilities including two meals a day, tea, clothing, soap, etc. A doctor also is in attendance. These camps accommodate a large number of people. For instance, at present there are 414 residents in the Dongri rest camp, 399 at the Nagpada rest camp, 139 at the Khumbarwada rest camp and 21 at the newly opened Khetwadi rest camp. Whenever sufficient number of refugees arrive at a rest centre, it is either converted into a full fledged camp or a new camp is opened.

A new camp is likely to be opened at Imamwada to-day (Saturday).

The Konkani Maratha Relief Committee has formed three relief centres at Parel where so far 68 persons have been given shelter. The centres which have been opened for the benefit of Konkani Marathas will welcome donations both in cash and kind. The office of the committee is at Gokhale Society Lane, Parel.

At a meeting of the Bombay Cloth Hawkers held on Thursday night at Bunyan Road a sum of Rs 500 was collected to help the victims. Mr. Ibrahim Mistry addressed the meeting. A committee has been formed to collect more funds.

RELIEF CENTRE AT KALBADEVI

The Bhatiya Volunteer Corps Relief Committee has opened a Relief Centre at Jitagraha, Picket Road, Kalbadevi. A claim centre will also be started at the above address from today (Saturday) Claimants in respect of loss to person and property may see Mr. M. I. Gordhandas, (Advocate), and Mr. K. C. Thakore, at the above address between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3-30 to 6-30 p.m.

1,000,000 FOR CITY RELIEF

BOMBAY, Friday.

A total collection of one million rupees received towards the Sheriff's Relief Fund was announced today at a meeting of the Relief Committee by Sir Shantidas Askuran, as uptodate receipts. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor, Mr. Nagindas T. Master.

353 Deaths

With three more deaths recorded today the toll of dead in the explosions has mounted upto 353 now.

Don't Throw Away Burnt Notes

Mr. Purshottamdas Ranchhordas writes: "Don't throw away or crumple burnt currency notes because numbers of such burnt notes will be visible and the Reserve Bank will make payment after reading the numbers. Do not shake your safes too much to protect notes from crumpling.

Bombay Akali-Dal

The Secretary, Bombay Akali Dal writes: "Bombay Akali Dal" immediately after the explosions on Friday the 14th instant started the work of providing relief for the sufferers. And, that service still continues.

S. Kartar Singh President Akali Dal suffered slight injuries and got his left shoulder fractured while supervising the removal kerosene oil from a godown in the affected area. The work of relief continues. People in need may please communicate with, Secretary Gurdwara Akali Dal, Kalbadevi, Bombay.

I pray for place of souls of those people who were killed by the explosions of 14th instant. Bombay Akali Dal started of Guru Granth Sahib Akhand Path ceremony this morning at 9 a.m. with prayers. Sympathisers are requested to join the prayers.

"Fire Havoc In Bombay"

The Information films of India released from Friday at all the first-run, theatres of the city a special Indian News-reel, entitled "Fire Havoc in Bombay".

In The Wake Of Explosions!

Added to the various kinds of incidents which were a sequel to the two explosions on Friday, it is now known that several 'enceinte' women delivered prematurely due to the explosions.

An instance in point is the case of a European woman who was going along the pavement. With the rumbling of the second explosion the woman gave birth on the road. She was carried to a place of safety by some passers-by.

GOVT. LIFTS BAN ON "SENTINEL"

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes: The Government of Bombay passed an order on April 18 prohibiting the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel" because of the manner in which the paper had treated news relating to last week's accident.

As a satisfactory understanding has now been reached with the editor regarding future treatment of such news, the Government has withdrawn its ban.

JINNAH-TIWANA TALKS

LAHORE, April 21.

Malik Khizer Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab had a second interview lasting two hours twenty minutes with Mr. M. A. Jinnah at Mamdot House this evening. After the meeting Mr. Jinnah told reporters that Malik Khizer Hyat Khan would be meeting him again at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

While both Mr. Jinnah and Malik Khizer Hyat Khan declined to make any further statement, it is gathered from circles in close touch with the League President that the talks are proceeding satisfactorily.

Among others who saw Mr. Jinnah to-day was Nawab Sir Mehr Shah. Mr. Jinnah attended the Friday prayers at the Badshahi Mosque.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

PRECENSORSHIP ORDER ON DELHI PAPERS WITHDRAWN

NEW DELHI, April 21.

The United Press learns that the pre-censorship order served on the "Hindustan Times" and the "National Call" of Delhi on January 27 after the publication of the statement of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, has been withdrawn to-day.—United Press.

TALUKDARS TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA

Sequel To Attachment To Limbdi State: Administrator Warns Against Consequences

RAJKOT, April 21: Non-jurisdictional Talukdars attached to Limbdi State under the Government's attachment scheme are reported to have resolved to resort to non-violent non-co-operation on Congress lines.

They have informed the Administrator of Limbdi State that they do not recognise the attachment of their estates to Limbdi State and as such the State should not send executive judicial or Police officers to their Talukdars.

It is understood that Mr. J. P. Nicholson, Administrator of Limbdi State, is issuing a proclamation to the effect that the attachment has been legally made and anyone obstructing its enforcement will be dealt with according to law.

The Resident has deputed Maj. Sinclair, the Political Agent, to study the situation and report on it.

A meeting of Salute States of Kathiawar has been convened to be held at Porbandar to consider questions affecting them following attachment. The meeting will take place some time in the last week of April.—A. P.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH COMES OF AGE

LONDON, April 21: Princess Elizabeth is 18 today. She is spending the day quietly in the country. A private luncheon party is being given for her.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS

LONDON, April 21: Princess Elizabeth received telegrams at the rate of nearly one every two minutes today on the occasion of her 18th birthday.



The Royal Princesses at home. Princess Elizabeth celebrated her 18th birthday on Friday.

The Princess who is Colonel of Grenadier Guards saw her regiment Mount Guard in the country.—Reuter.

BERLIN & COLOGNE BOMBED

1,100 Aircraft Attack Targets In France And Germany

LONDON, April 21.

Bomber command last night dispatched over 1,100 aircraft to attack railway centres in German, Belgium and France. They also bombed La Chapelle on the outskirts of Paris. "Mosquitos" attacked objectives in Berlin. Sixteen of our aircraft are missing.

Bomber command last night in great strength attacked railway targets in Germany, Belgium and France and a heavy attack was made on Cologne, says the Air Ministry.

United States' Headquarters announced that 'Marauders' and 'Havocs' of the United States Ninth Air Force attacked military objectives in Northern France to-day.—Reuter.

SEBASTOPOL KEY DEFENCES STORMED

MOSCOW, April 20.

Fighting over the old Inkerman battlefield crack Soviet shock troops are preparing to storm the historic Malakov Hill which in both Sebastopol's great sieges has proved the key to the city, cables Reuter's staff correspondent.

They have already broken through the first German defence ring after storming Belbek and Chernaya rivers and the "Red Star" to-day reports that they are rapidly nearing their objective over Malakov Hill—a barren 1,000-foot plateau only 150-feet long and 500 feet wide—the cream of Hitler's S.S. troops fought and died in General Manstein's siege of Sebastopol.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MAY)

NEW YORK, April 21.

Previous Closing	21.03
To-day's Opening	21.07
Difference	+.05
To-day's Closing	21.08
Difference	+.06

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, April 21.

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AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) Property of a European gentleman E. Morrison and others at Chowpatty Sea Face, near Vianelli's Restaurant of complete household and office furniture. Godrej steel almirah, Remington Standard and portable typewriter, Singer machine, Elec. table fan and lamps milner's and other fire proof safes, dining table, chairs, sideboard, cabinet, show cases, writing tables, dressing tables, Chesterfield sets, almirahs, bed with box mattress, Chinese campherwood chest of drawers roll top table, ice box, glass, crockery, etc. T. No. 40213. Eastern Auction Co.

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SALE TO-MORROW.

The sale of Immovable properties at Hill Road, Bandra (opposite the Bandra Branch of The Bank of India, Ltd.) will take place to-morrow Sunday the 23rd April at 4-30 P. M. on the site of the properties as previously advertised.

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DETAINED BOMBAY M. L. A. ORDERED TO BE RELEASED

Bombay High Court Full Bench Judgment

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Kania, Mr. Justice Wadia, Mr. Justice Divatia and Mr. Justice Chagla).

Keshav G. Gokhale .... Applicant.
Versus.
Imperator ..... Opponent.

Delivering judgment on this "habeas corpus" application, a full bench of five judges of our High Court unanimously held the detention of the petitioner, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and a pleader of the Belgaum District, unlawful, and ordered his immediate release from custody.

The petitioner was arrested on 9th August 1942 at Nippani near Belgaum under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules and this was followed, on the same day, by an order of Mr. C. N. Millard, District Magistrate of Belgaum, for the detention of the petitioner under Rule 26 of those Rules. The petitioner made the present application under Section 491 of the Criminal Procedure Code praying that his detention be declared illegal and that he be brought up before the Court to be dealt with according to law. In pursuance of the Court's direction, the petitioner was produced before Their Lordships.

JUDGMENT.

Delivering the judgment of the Bench, the Chief Justice observed at the outset that every person under detention had a right to know the terms of the order under which he was detained and that the delay in furnishing the petitioner with a copy of it was regrettable.

Their Lordships then referred to the fact that the body of the document which purported to be an order of detention under Rule 26 was in the nature of a cyclostyled form in the plural number though it referred to the petitioner alone whose name was typed in the schedule to it. Their Lordships also referred to the fact that the reasons for the detention mentioned in the order were merely copied from Rule 26 (1), and stated that ex facie the document raised the inference that it was signed as a matter of mechanical routine and it was not possible for the Court to believe that the District Magistrate Mr. Millard appreciated the necessity of applying his mind to the document, since if he had done so, he could not have failed to correct its manifest inappropriateness. "It is impossible to believe that in signing this document he appreciated the nature, the extent and the implications of the grave and onerous powers and duties delegated to him by Government for the purpose of curtailing by preventive detention the liberty of His Majesty's subjects without trial or process of the Courts. The fact that there may have been serious disturbances at the time, or that such disturbances may have been anticipated, and that Mr. Millard signed many such documents on the same day can hardly be craved in aid as an explanation."

Applying the principle to be deduced from the decision of the Federal Court in the well-known Talpade Case in which Rule 26 was held to be "ultra vires"—that if on a perusal of the order of detention it became clear that the detaining authority did not apply its mind as required by Rule 26, the order must be held to be invalid—Their Lordships held the order of detention in the present case to be a nullity because all the circumstances showed that Mr. Millard did not exercise any executive discretion or made a quasi-judicial consideration of the facts pertinent to the petitioner's case.

Their Lordships expressed no opinion on the validity of Ordinance III of 1944 which had been passed to cure the defect found by Talpade's case in Rule 26 or on the question as to whether it was the Government or the District Magistrate who ought to be satisfied as to the grounds of detention.

Their Lordships held that no order under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules had ever been made in the case of the petitioner, and that at any rate from the expiration of the period of 15 days from his arrest under Rule 129, his detention had been unlawful. The order of detention thus being a nullity, Their Lordships held that Section 10 of Ordinance III of 1944 which expressly took away the jurisdiction of the High Court to issue a writ in the nature of "habeas corpus" under Section 491 did not apply to the present case so as to exclude their interference.

In the circumstances, Their Lordships felt it their clear duty to order the immediate release of the petitioner from custody and Their Lordships passed orders accordingly.

Relying on the decision in the Prohibition Case (43 Bom. L.R. 496) Their Lordships refused the Advocate-General's application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court, as in Their Lordships' view of the case, it did not involve a substantial question as to the interpretation of the Government of India Act.

Mr. R. A. Jahagirdar with Mr. K. G. Kale and D. M. Athavle appeared for the petitioner.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer with the Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

PRINCIPAL ARRESTED.

AJMER, (By Mail.)

Syt. Dhiraj Bhai, Principal, Jain Gurukul, Beawer, and a teacher were arrested on April 15 and were released on bail on the 17th inst.

It is said that they had hung a photograph of Subhas Chandra Bose in the pandal, which was regarded as an illegal action.

SIND M.L.A. RELEASED.

KARACHI, April 21: Mr. Mohamed Amin Khoso, M.L.A., who was arrested three weeks ago because of his withdrawal of the undertaking given by him to the Government not to take part in Congress and subversive activities was released to-day.

Mr. Mohamed Amin Khoso told the Associated Press that he had "withdrawn his letter to the Government withdrawing his original undertaking."

FORTNIGHTLY ASKED TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION.

DACCA, April 20.

The editor of "Dabi", a newly started fortnightly Bengali journal, has been directed by the District Magistrate of Dacca, to suspend publication of the paper immediately and to obtain permission of the Central Government before resuming its publication.

This action has been taken under the provision of the Paper Control Order, 1942, on the ground that no previous permission for publication was taken from the Central Government.

The first issue of the paper appeared in December last and up-to-date 4 issues have appeared.—A. P.

FOURTEEN ARRESTED.

PURULIA, April 21: Altogether 14 persons including 4 women have been arrested and detained in Purulia in connection with the National Week celebrations.—United Press.

ALLEGED REVOLUTIONARIES OF LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW, April 20: More than 27 members of an alleged revolutionary gang were arrested in Lucknow city and district by the C.I.D. Police who claim that the arrested persons belong to an organised revolutionary party with branches not only in the Province but outside as well.

A large quantity of arms and ammunition and party literature are reported to have been recovered following searches of several houses.—United Press.

RELEASED BUT SERVED WITH NOTICE

LAHORE, April 20.

Sardar Chanan Singh Orora, M.L.A. (Congress) was released from the Lahore Central Jail to-day on medical grounds.

Immediately after his release a notice was served on him directing to confine his movements within the limits of his village in Lahore District.—A. P.

RESULTS OF B.Sc. S.Sc. & F.Sc. EXAMS.

The following candidates have passed the B.Sc. examination of the Bombay University held in March, 1944.

First Class Honours with Distinction: Nos. 6 60.

First Class Honours: Nos. 24 41.

Pass with Honours: Nos. 3 5 7 11 16 18 35 38 40 42 50 52 53 55 62 65 66 67 71 72 74.

PASS: Nos. 1 2 4 8 9 10 12 13 15 20 22 23 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 36 37 39 43 44 46 47 48 49 51 54 56 57 58 61 63 64 68 69 70 73 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90.

S. Sc. EXAM. RESULTS

The following candidates have passed the S.Sc. (Agrl.) examination of the Bombay University held in March, 1944.

PASS: Nos. 1 2 3 4 5 10 11 15 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 43 44 45 46 48 49 51 52 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 82 84 85 86.

The following unsuccessful candidates are allowed to keep terms for the B.Sc. (Agri.) Examination:

Nos. 6 13 14 16 50 80.

The following candidates have passed in the subject of Entomology only: Nos. 65 66 70.

F.Sc. EXAM. RESULTS

The following candidates have passed the F.Sc. (Agri.) examination of the University of Bombay held in March 1944.

PASS Nos.: 2 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 21 22 24 25 26 29 30 31 32 35 36 39 40 41 42 44 46 49 50 52 53 56 59 62 64 66 67 68 69 71 73 75 79 80 81 83 84 85 86 90 91 96 97 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 120 123 124 125 126 127 129 131.

No. 78 is allowed to keep terms for S.Sc. (Agri.) Examination.

Compensation For 'Plane Mishap Victims

CALCUTTA, April 21: Sanction to the full payment of the amount recommended by the Bengal Government as compensation for damage to property caused by aeroplane accidents that took place in Kidderpore in May last has now been received from the Government of India.

This was announced by the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin replying to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, today.

Sadhona Bose Interpretes India's Problems

Some of the pressing problems facing the India of today are stated to form the themes of some outstanding numbers in the dance programme to be presented by Sadhona Bose and her Ballet during their season at the Excelsior, commencing from today.

The poignant tragedy of hunger-stricken Bengal has been dramatised in "Bhookh", an elabcrate ballet with an avaricious grain hoarder as the villain of the peace, who ultimately yields to the noble efforts of his daughter and her lover to convert him to a humane and sympathetic attitude towards the starving destitutes.

Another topical number will be "The Divine Source" ballet, which suggests a solution to the communal problem by an allegorical representation of the conflict and rivalry between the votaries of different forms of dancing, who are ultimately reconciled by the knowledge that all the different arts emanate from the one common source, viz., God. In addition, there will be several other interesting items in the programme.

The ballet consisting of 25 artistes, includes several talented new-comers, in addition to the old favourites like Madhav Menon, Sukhendu Dutt, Gayatri, Leena Sen Gupta and others. The orchestra is directed by Mr. Amiya Kanti, a rising Bengali musician.

2ND SHINING WEEK!
BADALTI DUNIYA
MUMTAZ SHANTI, TRILOK
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Matinee Sat., Sun. 1 p.m.
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DEANNA DURBIN
EDMUND O'BRIAN
Tomorrow Morn. at 10-30
GREER GARSON, ROBERT DONAT
IN
"GOODBYE MR. CHIPS"

7TH AND LAST WEEK!
KURBANI
MURLI'S SOCIAL SAGA
Directed by RAM DARYANI
co-starring
DURGA KHOTE
VASANTEE
ISHWARLAL
KAUSHALYA
TAJ Daily: 4-30 7-15, 10-15 p.m.
Fri., Sat., Sun. Matinee 1-45 p.m.

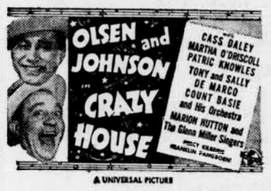
3RD WEEK
KOHINOOR
(DADAR)
Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p. m.
Sat., Sun. Holidays 1 p. m.
PRAKASH'S
PANGHAT
RATNAMALA
UMAKANT ...
Advance Booking: Sat., Sun. Holidays 9 to 11 a.m.

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28th APRIL
28th Friday at 6-30 p.m.
29th and 30th Saturday and Sunday.
Two shows at 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
1st and 2nd Monday and Tuesday.
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3rd Wednesday at 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
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Directed by
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NAUSHAD ALI
Co-starring
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★ JAIRAJ,
★ AZURIE,
★ MAZHARKHAN,
★ WASTI,
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Daily at 4, 7, 10 p.m.
Sat, Sunday Matinee 1 p.m.
MAJESTIC
PLANS open 9 to 12 and 4 to 6

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Daily: 4-30, 7-15, 10 p. m.
Sat., Sun. Matinee 2 p. m.
THIRD WEEK
PANCHOLI ART PICTURE
POONJI
Tomorrow at 10 a. m.
DANCING GIRL
TAMIL
TO-NIGHT WHOLE SERIAL IN 25 PARTS IS
ROSHAN being shown at a time
Corner, Grant Road
ADVENTURES OF
CAPTAIN MARVEL
Daily: 3, 6-30 & 9-30 p. m.
CITY LIGHT
B. B. Matunga
Daily 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun Holidays 1 p.m.
NEW THEATRES
MEENAXI
SADHONA BOSE
NAJMAL HUSSEIN
HINDMATA
(PAREL)
Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p. m.
Sat., Sun. Holidays: 1 p. m.
MEHBOOB PRODUCTIONS' Comedy Hit
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MOTILAL, NARGIS, CHARLIE, CHANDRAMOHAN
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RANJIT'S Mythological Hit
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SADHONA BOSE, AROON
Director: C. A. Doshi
AJIT Release.
OPERA HOUSE
Daily: 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
Sat. Sun. Matinee: 1-30
Advance Booking:
9-30 to 12-30 and 3 to 6-30
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DULHAN
KAMAL
Sun. matinee at 1-30
Daily 4, 7, and 10.
The KID that is working WONDERS!
VISHVAS
SURENDRA, MEHTAB
7TH WEEK
CAPITOL
Sat. Sun. Matinee at 1 p.m.
Daily 4, 7 and 10
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"IN THE NAVY"
9th WEEK
NAVIN'S
Great Social
DOST
NURJEHAN & MOTILAL
Director: Shaukat Hussain
IMPERIAL
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Advance Booking: 10 to 12
HAS AN ACTRESS NO PLACE IN SOCIETY?
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Starring: MOTILAL, CHARLIE, CHANDRAMOHAN, NARGIS
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SNEHPRABHA and KISHORE SAHU
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"PUNAR MILAN"
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ZENANA SHOW
Tues. and Thurs. 1-45 p.m.
18th WEEK
Jayant Desai Productions'
BHAKTARAJ
Director:
JAYANT DESAI
LAMINGTON
Daily: 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
Sat. Sun. Holidays 1-45 p.m.
PARADISE
MAHIM
Daily 4, 6-45, and 9-45 p.m.
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HUMPHREY BOGART
Sunday morn. 10-30 a.m.
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MORNING SHOW
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GOOD EARTH
Monday
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Direction: V. M. VYAS



4th WEEK OF CROWDS

Daily: 4, 7, 10
Sat., Sun. Hol. 1 p. m.

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Booking: 9-30 to 12 & 3-30 to 6 p. m.

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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Chaitra Vad 30, 2000
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 27, 1363
Parsi: Avan 21, 1313
Sunrise: 7-18 a.m. Sunset: 7-56 p.m.
Hightide: 11-39, 23-48; Lowtide: 5-18, 17-38.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

MR. HIRALAL BHAGWANDAS MALL died on Friday, the 21st inst., at his residence (121, Ardesir Dadi St., Vithalbhai Patel Road) at 7 p.m. Uthamana ceremony will take place today (Saturday, 22nd inst.) at the above address at 6 p.m. (New S. T.)

To-day's Engagements

GANDHARVA SANGEET MANDAL: Vocal music by Master Baswaraj, Laxmi Baug, New Bhatwadi, Girgaon 10 p.m. (N.S.T.)

GAYAN UTTEJAK MANDAL: Variety entertainment of Indian music by Pandit Narayanrao Vyas at Mazdaznan Hall, Enos Circle, at 6 p.m.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION: Scouts 'go round Sunday morning collecting old clothes for the victims of the Dock explosion tragedy.

PARIMAL SANGH: Musical entertainment with songs and solo by Acharya Shri Amrit and Shri Vasudeo respectively at Marina Modern School 29, French Road, Chowpatty at 6-30 p.m.

ALL-INDIA MANUFACTURERS' ORGANISATION: First quarterly meeting of Central Committee at its Office at 11-30 a.m. tomorrow (Sunday) under the presidentship of Sir M. Visvesvaraya.

RAMAKRISHNA-VIVEKANANDA CENTRE: Swami Samvidhanandaji's weekly class on 'Patanjali Yoga Sutras' at 7-30 p.m. at the Centre premises, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar, B B and C I Rly.

BAI R. F. PAVRI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL: Prize distribution tomorrow (Sunday) at 10 a.m. (S.T.) at Krishna Theatre. Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner, will preside and Mrs. M D Bhat will give away the prizes.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: General meeting of all active workers and sympathisers of the Bombay Provincial Balkan-ji-Bari (All-India Children's Association) at 4-15 p.m. (S T) at the Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.

KANARA BROTHERHOOD: Annual general meeting at Arya Bhavan, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum, tomorrow (Sunday) at 10-30 a.m. and the social gathering at 4-30 p.m. at Laxmi Baug, Bhat Wadi, Mr. M. S. Noronha, Chief Judge, Small Causes Court, will preside.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER and Councillors of Ward No. 10 (Walkeshwar Mahalaxmi) will meet near the Kemp Corner at 6-51 a.m. (B T) 8-30 a.m. (S T) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

DR. B. C. ROY FOR BOMBAY

CALCUTTA, April 21.—Dr. B. C. Roy, President of the Indian Medical Council and a prominent member of the Group B of the Health Survey and Development Sub-Committee is leaving Calcutta to-day on a tour with the Group which arrives at Bombay on April 24, at Poona on April 27, at Karachi on May 3, at Peshawar on May 8, at Lahore on May 11 and at Delhi on May 17. Dr. Roy returns to Calcutta by May 20.—U.P.

Thrown Off Footboard Of Running Train & Killed

A South Indian clerk who was travelling by a G.I.P local train on Friday was killed when he was thrown off from the train at Byculla as a result of overcrowding on the footboard of the compartment.

APPEAL ADMITTED

An appeal was admitted on Wednesday by the Sessions Judge, Thana, on behalf of Mahomed Hanif Liyakat Ali, the son of a retired Subedar and the accused was ordered to be released on bail.

The accused was convicted by the Assistant Sessions Judge, Thana, under Sec. 373 I.P.C. for enticing a married Hindu girl from Pratabgarh. The jury had disbelieved the opinion of the Police Surgeon of Bombay, regarding the age of the girl.

The girl was alleged to have been abducted from a village in U. P. and was brought and kept in a room at Bandra Railway Yard, from where she was traced and rescued.

During the trial, large crowds of Muslims and Hindus had collected and special Police 'bandobust' was made after the verdict, the jury had to be sent under an armed police escort.

The appeal was filed by Mr. W. S. Pathare and Mr. A. S. Kably.

Empire Of India Life Assurance Coy. Makes Good Progress

The 47th Annual General Meeting of members was held at the registered office of the Empire of India Life Assurance Company, Hornby Road, on Friday morning when Mr. E. B. Ghasvala presided.

In the course of his speech the president said that a careful consideration of report and accounts affords unqualified satisfaction to all who are interested in the welfare of the Company. Its record is one of growth and strength.

The new business has shown great expansion 11,750 policies for Rs. 2,62,15,000 sums assured were issued. They represent an increase of 6,148 in policies and of Rs. 1,26,30,000, in sums assured on those of the previous year. The average new policy was for Rs. 2,231.

Dr. Matthai Appointed Director Of Tatas

BOMBAY, April 21.

It is understood that Doctor John Matthai has been appointed a Director of Tatas.—A. P.

Dil Pazir Fete

"DIL PAZIR FETE", which was originally due to run eleven days has run 8 days from the 6th to the 13th day of April with good profit. It was hoped to re-open it and run for three more days, but, owing to the present situation in the city permission has not been granted and, therefore, Dil Pazir will not re-open.

MILITARY SUPPLIES POTATOES

BOMBAY, April 21: Sixty tons of potatoes have been given from army stocks in Poona to the civil authorities in Bombay to help feed civilians rendered homeless by the fire. This initial supply which has been brought by rail to Bombay is expected to be greatly augmented, writes a military observer.

The story of military supplies which were rushed during the first anxious night of the fire is now unfolding.

The moment it became evident that a large number of fire pumps would be in action for many hours, large quantities of petrol were sent to police headquarters where a petrol supply point was set up.

PETROL MADE AVAILABLE

"In a very short time after the call came we had five 3-ton lorries full of petrol. About 3,000 gallons altogetaor on the road and heading for the affected area" the Major in charge of this branch of operations told me.

From the same supply depot came a continual stream of food for the fire-fighters, rescue and salvage workers. More than 700 loaves were sent out on the first night; cases of tea, cheese, jam, biscuits and sausages augmented the supplies of the voluntary canteens set up by civilians.

RECEPTION TO KAMALADEVI: The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj will accord a public reception to Mrs. Kamaladevi, President of the All-India Women's Conference, at the Asthika Samaj Hall, Matunga, tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) Mrs. Kamaladevi will also inaugurate the Mahila Sangh of the Samaj on the occasion.

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Ladies: Rs. 4-0-0, Rs. 2-0-0
Tickets can be had at Cafe Madras, Madras Brahmins' Coffee Hotel, Matunga and at the hall from 4 p.m. to-day.

TWO NEW FILMS FOR TO-DAY

"Pattharonka Saudagar" At Minerva & "Nai Duniya" At Majestic

By T. V. P.

Minerva's 'Pattharonka Saudagar' will be released to-day at Minerva. It is the story of a modern prince who preferred to be a commoner turned into a screenplay by Pandit Sudarshan. Meena, Sheela, Al-Nazir, Paresh Bannerji, Sankatha Prasad have been featured in this picture.



SHEELA

Kardar's 'Nai Duniya' already a success in North India starring Shobhana Samarth and Jairaj and featuring Mazaharkhan, Azurie and Jeevan will be released to-day at Majestic.

Jayant Desai Productions' 'Zaban' is the next attraction at Lamington replacing "Bhaktaraj" next Saturday. It is a purposeful comedy entertaining throughout, starring Ishwarlal, Kaushalya and Dixit. Mubarak and Vatsala Kumthekar are also there. Ishwarlal has done outstanding work in this picture.



KAUSHALYA

Supreme Films' 'Kadambari' starring Shanta Apte and Vanmala is scheduled to be the next attraction at Roxy, where 'Fashion' is at present having a good run. Prakash Picture's 'Police' is similarly the next attraction at Capitol, starring Ratnamala.

"Mahasati Anasuya" at Krishna, 'Mali' at Novelty, 'Shankar Parvati' at Opera House, 'Dost' at Imperial, 'Ramrajya' at Super, 'Shakuntala' at Swastik, 'Vishwas' at Capitol are popular old-timers.

'Pundalik' at Central has been regarded quite remarkable for its screenplay and directorial treatment, both of which mark this picture out from the usually produced Saint pictures.

While opinions may vary about other things in Talwar's 'Shukriya' picture-goers are unanimous about the musical appeal of the picture. The very first song in pure 'Darbari Kanada' is as satisfying as the 'Punjabi Bhairavi' towards the end. (Incidentally the words of the Gazal sung in the latter tune are by the great Ghalib). To those who prefer light music to the pure strains of scientific melody, Ramola's duet with Sunder and her group song with her girl friends should prove a treat.

Bombay Talkies are in the news again. They celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Hamari Baat only a week ago. They have gone on the floor with another picture 'Jwar Bhata' having completed the one, starring Leela Chitnis and Jairaj, which is now awaiting an early release.

The new film "Char Ankhen" holds a promise of excellent screen-fare. Written by Amiya Chakrabarty, the story in its essentials presents a romantic pattern which is reported to have been dexteriously presented on the screen by Director Sushil Mazumdar, who, with the production of "Char Ankhen" makes his first debut in Bombay Talkies.



Shanta Apte in 'Kadambari'.

M. S. Subbulakshmi's Concert

Smt. Subbulakshmi the talented singer of Carnatic music, will give a recital at the Don Bosco School Hall, Matunga at 6 p.m. today.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

The Government of Bombay have, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, issued an Order No. 47(2)|II, dated the 15th April, 1944, fixing the maximum prices of gram in all Districts of the Province, except the districts of Thana, Kolaba, Kanara and Bombay Suburban at Rs. 10|12 per Bengal maund. Government have in exercise of the same powers, also increased, under Finance Department (Supply) Notification No. 697|II, dated the 15th April 1944, the maximum price of wheat in the Deccan and Karnatak districts from Rs. 11|- (fixed under Government Notification No. 697|II, dated the 14th February 1944) to Rs. 12|- per Bengal maund, in order to bring it in parity with the rates fixed in other producing provinces, under the Government of India's instructions. The maximum wheat price in the Gujarat districts remains unchanged at Rs. 12|- per Bengal maund.

The notifications above-mentioned have been published in the "Bombay Government Gazette"—Extraordinary, dated the 17th April, 1944.

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OF
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A BOMBAY TALKIES PICTURE

Char Ankhen

Starring
Leela CHITNIS
JAIRAJ
ASHALATA
Directed by SUSHIL MAZUMDAR

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A FOOL & HIS MONEY

ARE EASILY PARTED!

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The Bombay Chronicle

ANOTHER EXPOSURE

The unanimous decision of the full bench of the Bombay High Court in releasing Mr. K. G. Gokhale, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly detained since August 9, 1942, without a trial, exposes one more act of glaring injustice perpetrated in the name of law and order. Mr. Gokhale was detained not only without a judicial trial but, as their Lordships point out, without any due examination by Mr. Millard, the Magistrate of Belgaum, who ordered his detention under the notorious Rule 26, since denounced by the Federal Court as lawless. It appears that the order was a cyclostyled form mechanically filed by the Magistrate and having the name of only the petitioner, Mr. Gokhale, typed thereon although the body of the order referred to several persons. Their Lordships rightly hold that such a document "raised the inference that it was signed as a mechanical routine and it was not possible to believe that Mr. Millard appreciated the necessity for applying his mind to the document, since if he had done so he could not have failed to correct its manifest inappropriateness." The Court also observes: 'It is impossible to believe that in signing this document he (Mr. Millard) appreciated the nature, the extent and the implications of the grave and onerous powers and duties delegated to him by Government for the purpose of curtailing by preventive detention the liberty of His Majesty's subjects without trial or process of the courts." We fear that such irresponsibility has been shown in numerous cases.

From the present case the Court deduces the general principle that, "if on a perusal of the order of detention it became clear that the detaining authority did not apply its mind, as required by Rule 26, the order must be held to be invalid." Yet numerous orders of this typye may have been invalid but still in operation for one reason or other. Many detenus are utterly ignorant of the law and may not demand a copy of the order under which they were detained. Many others may feel that, for aught they may do, it is futile to expect justice from the present Government. It appears that in the present case there was considerable delay before Mr. Gokhale could get a copy of the order of detention though, as the Court points out, "every person under detention had a right to know the terms of the order under which he was detained." That delay has not yet been explained by Government and that fact is rightly regretted by the Court. Speaking generally, the failure of justice in the case of detenus has been so scandalous and on such a vast scale that the least that Government ought to do, if they care at all for justice, is that they should either release all the detenus or give them a trial in courts of law.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Australian Censorship Muddle

The wooden-headedness which is engendered in the average official entrusted with the high responsibility of censorship in war time is well exemplified in the role which the Australian Minister of Information, Mr. Calwell, has been playing of late. The revelations made in this connection by Mr. Robert-Henderson, Chairman of the Australian Newspaper Proprietors' Association, show the arbitrary lengths to which censorship authorities will go in the name of "public interest" or "defence of the realm." A committee is apparently investigating into the public complaints against the administration of the Ministry of Information, but Mr. Calwell, who is the target of the charges, does not deem it his duty to cease to be a member of that committee! He wishes to be a judge of his own public conduct and when reminded of his duty by Mr. Menzies, the former Prime Minister, and Mr. Arthur Fadden, he threatens the latter that "revelations that will place Mr. Menzies and Mr. Fadden on trial will be made to a startled public when the censorship committee returns its findings." Whatever the shock the Australian public may receive as the result of revelations, if any, made regarding the official regimes of Messrs. Menzies and Fadden, that shock cannot certainly be as great as the one which the public will get from all such revelations regarding the unbridled autocracy that obtains in official quarters as a whole.

Lease Of Bases

No surprise would be occasioned even in Great Britain, except among certain Imperialist "die-hard" circles, at the suggestion made by the naval sub-committee of the U.S. House of Representatives that the bases leased to the United States by Britain in the Western Atlantic should be permanently acquired by the former. The bases, almost all of which were situated on islands adjacent to the American Continent, were made over to the control of the States on a 99-year lease, in exchange for 50 over-age U.S. destroyers. Both the parties to the transaction stood to gain equally by the exchange. The bases were invaluable to the U.S. Navy for the defence of the country, while the destroyers were a highly welcome acquisition of strength to the British Navy when the very existence of Britain and her Empire was threatened by the Axis. No doubt, there were a few croakers on both sides who decried the transaction, those on the British side expressing the fear that the leased bases would never come back to Britain and that the British control of the seas would suffer materially thereby, while the American critics professed surprise that their Government should make a present of as many as 50 destroyers to Britain in return for a few "worthless" bases. It is too early to judge as who would turn out to be the real gainer from the transaction, but it is clear that the American public set a good deal of store by the leased bases, particularly because in the possession of a foreign power they would be a source of danger to the States as well as Pan-American solidarity. In the present state of public feeling in the United States, it will be extremely difficult for the British Government to resist the American demand for the permanent transfer of the bases to the States.

Question Of Compensation

Though the question of relief to the explosion victims is rightly engaging the immediate attention of the public, that of reconstruction and reparation cannot be long put off. The question of reparation or compensation may be attended with many legal intricacies but it has nevertheless to be taken up without any avoidable delay. It is well, therefore, that the Mayor, Mr. Jivanlal Setalvad, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, have emphasised this topic in their statements on the tragedy. The Mayor pertinently points out that the question of compensation involves that of fixing legal responsibility in the right place and that, therefore, a searching enquiry into the cause of the incident and the conduct of those concerned which led to or contributed to the tragedy is inevitable. This is undenied and undeniable and the enquiry should not be delayed on any account. The personnel of the Committee that may be appointed to make the enquiry should not be merely a departmental one but should be such as to inspire the confidence of the public.

—And Of Reconstruction

Mr. Nanji observes that, whatever may be legal technicalities and whatever may be the intricacies of law, it must be remembered that the explosions and their consequences were due to the activities of the Government and in all such cases, it is the duty of the Government to make good the loss and enable the affected areas to resume their business and other activities connected with the well-being of the city. He accordingly calls upon the Government of India to announce at once their readiness to give due aid for reconstruction. Mr. Setalvad points out that during the last war the British Government paid adequate and full compensation for the loss of person and property occasioned by similar incidents in Great Britain. In the present case not only the Government of India but the British Government also should assume full responsibility for making compensation. This is, of course, apart from the question of legal responsibility. Mr. Pranlal Nanjee also suggests that Government should give immediate facilities and priorities for making available all such materials as will be necessary not only for the reconstruction of the lost property but also for the importation of all such articles as are urgently required to enable the people to resume the work which they were doing before. A prompt and generous gesture on the part of Government will be helpful to them as well as to the public by relieving depression in a city which easily holds the first place in industrial production to supply war needs.

CENSORSHIP OF BURMA WAR NEWS

Amery Heckled In Commons On British Correspondents' Protest Against Army

LONDON, April 21.

Mr. Amery told the House of Commons that inquiries were being made regarding the protest of certain British correspondents in India against suppression of their reports. Mr. Sorensen raised the matter by asking whether the Government proposed to modify the existing censorship on social and political news from India.

Mr. George Strauss (Labour) also asked about censorship inposed by the army authorities on news dispatches about the Burma front.

Mr. Amery replied: "I have seen a press report of the protest of certain British correspondents in India who are operating with the South-east Asia Command. Inquiries are being made.

Mr. Strauss: Can the Secretary of State make it clear to the authorities in India that people here do want to know facts about the Burma campaign, whether they are favourable or not, and that only security grounds should be allowed to interfere with their messages?

Mr. Amery was understood to reply: "I imagine it is on security grounds".

Mr. W. W. Astor (Conservative): Is Mr. Amery aware that this is no new problem and that unfortunately relations between the press and the military authorities in India have for a long time past been less satisfactory than in other operational areas? Will he consider sending out an experienced officer from England to try and remedy this longstanding difficulty?

Mr. Amery: The whole question is being considered.

Mr. Sorensen: Grave resentment does exist. Can we have an assurance that this act of non-co-operation will not mean that those reporters will be interned along with Mr. Gandhi?

Earl Winterton (Conservative): Is Mr. Amery aware that apprehension is increased by the fact that the 'communiques' which we get out of the Government of India appear to be of a conflicting character, and that this House is not being kept properly informed of the operations?

Mr. Amery: These are operational matters and with regard to the particular one raised I cannot say that the matter comes within the scope of the Government of India at all.

Commander Sir Archibald Southby (Conservative): Has his attention been drawn to the somewhat outspoken comments appearing in the United States press?

Mr. George Strauss: Is he aware that these responsible journalists complain that their matters has been censored on grounds which can have no possible relation to security?

Mr. Amery: As I say the matter is being looked into.

"C. R." EXPOSES AMERY'S FALLACIES

Asks If Cripps Offer Is Open Why Does He Not Try To Get It Accepted In India

MADRAS, April 21: Commenting on Mr. Amery's statement in the House of Commons, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in an interview said: "I do not believe that any statement of ours showing up Mr. Amery's fallacies will ever reach England and as regards public opinion in India there is no need to enter the lists against Mr. Amery. For he stands hopelessly condemned in India.

Mr. Amery says that the Cripps Offer is still open. He should, therefore, send it to Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru and to Mr. Abul Kalam Azad so that the negotiations which were broken off may be continued. If, however, Mr. Amery thinks that he should not or cannot negotiate with the Congress, it is open to him to adopt a very constitutional method namely to ask the Governors of all Provinces to convene meetings of the Legislatures and place the Cripps proposals before them for adoption or rejection. If all the Provinces or the vast majority review the present situation and feel that they should adopt the proposals there is nothing to prevent the execution of the plan.

If the majority of the Legislatures reject the proposals, general elections could be ordered on that issue. These constitutional steps are not taken. Shutting up the Congress in prison and refusing to release the leaders, Mr. Amery says the offer is open and does not follow any procedure by which the offer could be considered.

Mr. Amery says it is the conscientious duty of the Governors to take up the earliest opportunity to set up Ministries in the Provinces commanding a majority in the Legislatures. This statement too must be lifted above the suspicion of hypocrisy by something real being done in this direction.—A. P.

GOVT. MUST GRANT COMPENSATION FOR EXPLOSION VICTIMS

Indian Chambers' Federation Chief Urges Delhi To Follow British Example During Last War

BOMBAY, Aprill 21: "The awful calamity in Bombay, which has been known as the 'urbs prima in Indis', has naturally struck horror throughout the country, and spontaneous expressions of acute sympathy with the victims have been forthcoming from all parts", says Mr. J. C. Setalwad, President of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in a statement.

I am glad to note that immediate steps have been undertaken by the citizens of Bombay for affording instantaneous relief to the sufferers; but the necessities of the situation demand that relief and help of a farreaching of long-range character should be forthcoming. In this connection, I am reminded of the fact that,

During the last war, His Majesty's Government paid adequate and full compensation for the loss of person and property occasioned by similar incidents in Great Britain.

And I am sure that the Government of India will similarly come forward and assume full responsibility and make adequate compensation to those who have directly or indirectly suffered in person and property.

PLEA FOR INQUIRY

I am emphatically of opinion that an independent and impartial inquiry should be instituted with a view to find out the causes which led to the disaster. And adequate steps should be taken to prevent the recurrence of such disasters in the future.—A. P.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN INDIA: At the joint meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the National Council of Women in India and the Bombay Presidency Women's Council Executive, held on Saturday last it was decided to make a united effort on behalf of the women of Bombay to give relief to the victims of the tragedy and in view of this the N.C.W.I. joined whole-heartedly with Bombay Women's Relief Committee which was formed later on the same day. Mrs. Maneklal Premchand, Chairman of the N. C.W.I. is appointed Vice-Cairman and Mrs. Malini Paranjpe, General Secretary of the N.C.W.I. as a Jt. Hon Secretary of this Committee. The N.C.W.I. appeals to its members and sympathisers to make contributions to the Bombay Women's Relief Committee in money or in clothes, and request them to telephone to 41937 for further details.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S DEMAND

At its meeting held on Thursday the Bombay Women's Relief Committee resolved that Government be requested to hand over for the use of the victims of the tragedy such buildings as were lying vacant in the hands of the A. R. P. and military authorities. It also requested Government to ask all foreign refugees to remove from the city into the interior and make room for permanent residents of the city who had become homeless. It further requested Government to release building materials to those whose houses had been destroyed and who are willing to re-build them.

By another resolution the Committee declared its opinion that a scheme of rehabilitation for the victims of the tragedy should be formulated by the Authorities and an official committee be set up for this purpose and that centres for men and women who had become maimed should be opened to train them for alternative work in view of their disabilities due to this unfortunate accident.

The Committee was desirous of helping middle class and lower middle class families in whatever way they could as regards clothes, housing facilities and utensils.

Enquiries may be made at the Committee's Office, Vanita Vishram English School, Khetwadi, Bombay.

Nawab Of Mamdot On Morale Of Assamese

LAHORE, April 21: "The Morale of the people in Assam and Eastern Bengal was remarkably high. Everyone went about his work without any perceptible sign of panic of any kind" said the Nawab of Mamdot on his return from tour of Eastern Bengal and Assam.

The Nawab added that the Muslim League Civil Defence Committees were doing excellent work in promoting co-operation among the people, particularly in Eastern Bengal.—A. P.

Arrangements For Disposal Of Stocks

BOMBAY, April 21.

It has been decided that all stocks of estable grain shall remain where they are. All stocks of iron and steel lying in what is known as 'lokhand jetha' will also be left where they are.

Every facility is being given to merchants to move stocks of oil-seeds, bales of cloth, hessening gunny bags and other material lying in their godowns which can be salved. This work will proceed piece by piece, street by street.

Priority will be given to merchants to move immediately their safes and accounts books. The police are working in the closest co-operation with Sir Shantidas Askuran's Committee.—A. P.

CHURCHILL TALKS OF INDIA AS DOMINION

Enormity Of Problems Raised In Dominion Debate In Commons

LONDON, April 21.

Winding up the two day debate on Commonwealth policy in the House of Commons this afternoon the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill said: "When we planned this debate together it was well under stood that its main purpose was to enable the House to express its opinion and that the Government would not have any far-reaching declaration of policy to make Indeed it has been everywhere recognised that for us to commit ourselves to hard and fast lines of policy or even to the advocacy of particular suggestions or poposals would not be appropriate on the eve of the first meeting we have been able to arrange after, many attempts of all Dominions Prime Ministers since this war began.

It will be almost universally admitted that the debate has been a great success and of far-eaching usefulness and that the resolution on which the debate is founded is acceptable to all that there is an all-party agreement on the most fundamental issues and that the discussion has been worthy of the breadth of the subject and distinguished by speeches of statesmenlike character such as I heard from Mr. Shinwell and from Mr. Hore Belisha and Earl Winterton. I sat up until half past two readlng the full report—every speech—and I crave the indulgence of the House for not having been constantly on the bench during this debate on account of the other things which you know it is my duty to look after (laughter).

ENORMOUS TOPICS

Wht astruck me most out of the speeches was the great number of enormous topics some of which have been formerly matters of heated controversy and may be again, which members have found it necessary to take for an airing. A great number of these questions concern our future and they have been raised directly or indirectly—what changes are to be made in the political, economic and defence structure of the British Commonwealth and Empire, in what way will the ever more closely knitted British Commonwealth and Empire become also at the same time more closely associated with the United States.

How will this vast bloc of States and Nations which will walk along together, speaking to a large extent the same language, reposing on the same body of common law; how will they merge in a supreme council for the maintenance of world peace? Should we draw closer to Europe, aim at creating under a Supreme World Council a living unity, an entity in Europe, a United States or Europe? Or should we concentrate upon our Imperial Commonwealth organisation or upon our fraternal associations with the United States and put our trust in the English Channel, air power and sea power.

POST-WAR ECONOMICS

Mr. Churchill said: "Great as our responsibilities are, no reasonable person could expect us to solve all the problems of the world while we are fighting for our lives."

Regarding imperial preference Mr. Churchill said that Article Seven of the Mutual Aid Agreement was not inserted without an assurance from President Roosevelt that Britain was no more committed to the abolition of imperial preference than the American Government was committed to the abolition of their protective tariffs.

"I am convinced there should be a careful searching and a far-reaching discussion on the economics of the post-war world and a sincere attempt made to reconcile conflicting interests wherever possible. There must be a wholehearted endeavour begun in good time to promote a great interchange of goods and services between the various communities in the world and to strive for that process of betterment of standards of living in every country without which expanding markets are impossible and without which world prosperity is a dream which might easily turn into a nightmare." "I have never thought the Empire needed tying together with bits of string."

THE MIRACLE

Mr. Churchill recalled how at the beginning of the war the Empire responded instantly with one lamentable exception—for which we must all search our hearts—and when the signal came from the poorest colony to the greater Dominion, they declared war.....What is this miracle?

What is this miracle—for it is nothing else? What is this miracle which brings men from the uttermost ends of the earth, some taking twenty days before reaching a recruiting station and some armies having to be sent 14,000 miles overseas before reaching the battlefield. What is this force, this miracle which makes Governments as sovereign as any that have ever existed to cast aside immediately all their affairs and set themselves to help the old land and the good cause and to beat the common enemy? We must look very deep into the hearts of men and then we won't find the answer unless we look with the eye of the spirit. It is then that you learn that human beings are not dominated by material things but by ideas for which they are willing to give their lives or their life's work. In a world of confusion and ruin the old flag flies. We have not got to consider how to bind ourselves together more closely.

THE REAL QUESTION

The question before us is how can we make things better? The forces under our unity are superior to any temporary shortcomings. Mr. Churchill said the British Commonwealth and Empire was never more united. It would be quite easy to have meetings of Prime Ministers or Imperial Conferences every year or more often on every serious occasion when we get the times of peace and we will encourage them at any time during the period of war. It was not necessary that these meetings should always take place in London.

At the end of his speech Mr. Churchill said: "When peace returns—and we should pray to God it soon may—conferences of Prime Ministers of Dominions among whom we trust India will be reckoned and with whom the Colonies will be associated will become, we hope, more frequent and regular facts and festivities of our annual life."—Reuter.

AMERY ON POST-WAR BRITISH TRADE

MANCHESTER, April 21.

The Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery said at Manchester to-day that he firmly believed that the keystone of the British trade policy after the war would be found in a bold and farsighted development of the Empire resources by a vigorous policy of mutual economic co-operation. "If we are prepared to plan boldly and free our minds from the obsession of out of date economic theories an immensely hopeful future lies before us," he declared.—Reuter.

Ravine Proves "Rat Trap" For Jap Forces

Indian "Tiger" Patrols Inflict Heavy Casualties In Jungle Fighting South Of Imphal Plain

IMPHAL FRONT, April 18.

Ranging over nearly 1,000 square miles of jungle south of the Imphal plain "tiger" patrols of Indian troops moving and fighting by night are tracking, striking and killing the Japanese forces. Like the tiger, they are unseen until they strike—and when they strike they kill. In six weeks, they have inflicted more than 800 casualties on the enemy. Of these at least two-thirds are dead.

The cost to our own force has been one killed five wounded and one missing.

"RAT TRAP" FOR JAPS

In a narrow jungle ravine a few days ago, one of these patrols in six days inflicted from 100 to 130 casualties on the enemy. Day after day, they lay in wait for Japanese patrols which came through the ravine with suicidal regularity. Every patrol was decimated by showers of grenades flung from the top of the ravine followed by a death dealing spray of lead from light automatics. Now they call this ravine the "rat trap".

Elsewhere the "tiger" patrols lie up on Japanese lines of communication shooting up mule columns and marching troops.

The operations of this "tiger" force have struck terror into the hearts of the Japanese. They now picket their lines of communications and marching troops move not in column but in cautious pairs. But the toll goes on.

"MODUS OPERANDI"

The majority of these patrols are led by a naik or a lance naik, sometimes by an officer or V. C. O. briefed by their company commander, they go off into the jungle covering anything from 30 to 50 miles on foot and moving by map and compass. On the hill top outside his headquarters yesterday, writes an Indian Army observer, the commander of this force showed me the vast area of jungle "no-man's land" stretching as far as the eye could see over which his "tiger" patrols were operating.—A. P.

Japs Concentrate Near Kohima

NEW DELHI, April 21: Reports indicate an increase in enemy concentrations near Kohima but our forces have made further progress says to-day's South-East Asia Command Communique.

Recent fighting around Kohima cost the Japanese at least 400 killed.

North-east of the Imphal plain we have occupied positions 30 miles from Imphal town and our advance continues.

On the Palel road a Japanese attack supported by tanks was repulsed.

In North Burma on the west bank of the Mogaung river troops of the Chinese 22nd Division are one mile south of the Wora river. On the east bank the 38th Chinese Division continues to advance. Kachin levies have laid successful ambushes on the Myitkyina road.

On the Arakan front there has been patrol activity.

Jap Mortar Located & Silenced

CALCUTTA, April 21: "Spearheads of our advance forces driving along the Kohima Dimapur Road this (18th April) morning made contact with the Kohima garrison and cleared the road sufficiently for red cross lorries to evacuate the wounded. The evacuation, however, had only just begun when enemy mortar fire opened up", writes an observer with General Slims' 14th Army, from the Kohima Front, on the 18th April. He adds: "as I approached, Red Cross personnel were moving the wounded into nullas and chaungs. The Jap mortar was quickly located and silenced by our gunners and the last of the wounded were removed by 16-00 hours.—A. P.

MAJOR MOVES IN PACIFIC

CANBERRA, April 21: Mr. Forde, the Australian Army Minister and Acting Prime Minister said here today: "While the Second Front is being launched in Europe there will also be major moves in the Pacific. We must plan for a war likely to last for several more years at least."

"M.-G." EXPECTS GREATER PRESSURE ON JAPS

LONDON, April 21: 'The Manchester Guardian' in an editorial says that now after the attack on Sabang "we might expect to see greater pressure bearing in the Indian Ocean on the enemy already taxed navally by the growing American threat in the Pacific. Considering our poor land communications with Burma, we might at least try to interrupt the better sea way from Singapore possessed by the enemy which runs past Sabang. Success in this would ease operations a lot. It would also lay useful foundations of a possible amphibious assault on Southern Burma."

The 'Daily Telegraph' says that the fact that Admiral Somerville's force suffered no impediment from the Japanese Navy "promises well for Combined Operations eastward by sea and air which will take their place in the world strategy of the Allies." The paper adds: The liberation of Burma must be sought by combined attacks of air and sea-power on the lifelines of Japanese conquest.—Reuter.

POST-WAR CIVIL AVIATION

India Govt. Will Participate In All Conferences As Equal

NEW DELHI, April 21: Addressing the first meeting to-day of the Reconstruction (policy) Committee for Posts and Aviation, Sir Mohamed Usman outlined Government's general policy in the development of air services.

Discussions were now going on with regard to the post-war set up in the international field, he said. Informal discussions had lately taken place between the countries of the British Commonwealth and more recently between the representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the U.S.A. Further informal discussions were likely to be undertaken with the Government of the U.S.S.R. and it was hoped to have later a conference of the Governments of the Allied countries. In all such discussions, he declared, India would take her full part and it might be taken that she would secure equal rights with all the other countries, which might finally agree to a convention.

The Government memorandum circulated to the meeting, Sir Mohamed went on, made it clear that India's internal air services, should be the sole concern of India and that Government's policy was to develop Civil Aviation in India with Indian capital under Indian management and to afford training and opportunities for employment to Indians. In the matter of international services, India would claim full reciprocal rights and in the case of India's participation in any through services, such participation should be not only financial but technical as well as operational.

Assuming that the operation of either some or all air services would be entrusted to private enterprise, Government contemplated the establishment of an All-India Air Transport Licensing Board, the issue of air transport licences and the prohibition of operation of regular air services without a licence.

FIRE SHAKES CITY INSURANCE COS.

Committee Set Up To Consider Complicated Issues

BOMBAY, Friday.

The huge claims that are likely to arise out of the fire and explosions which occurred in the city a week ago have created a flutter in the Insurance Companies doing Fire business.

It is understood that the Bombay Fire Insurance Companies' Association has appointed a committee to consider the question of the liability of the companies for damage caused by the fire.

The public mind has also been considerably agitated over this question. Mr. Nagindas T. Master the Mayor of Bombay also referred to it in the statement he made yesterday and mentioned the report that the Insurance Companies intend to repudiate their liability.

In this connection it may be stated that there are 104 companies doing fire insurance business in Bombay. Of these about 70 are foreign and 34 Indian. A couple of days after the fire the Insurance Companies' Association appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. P. Agar, A. F. Richards, F. A. Collaco and H. Mercer to consider the question of liability of the Companies and cognate matters.

It would appear that the Indian companies were dissatisfied with this arrangement. The committee was therefore enlarged and six more members, viz., Messrs. W. Millard, N. Ottens, J. C. Setalvad, E. G. Wills, V. Corbet Wright and Captain S. E. S. White, were added to the Committee.

The Committee is still considering the complicated issues arising out of the question.

TURKEY STANDS BY PACT WITH BRITAIN

LONDON, April 21: Ankara radio announcing that Germany will receive no more Turkish chrome also quoted statement on the subject to the Turkish National Assembly by the Foreign Minister M. Menemenjoglu who said: "According to the policy adopted and the pact signed in 1939 with Britain we are not neutrals. In this respect it is necessary for us to consider the Allied note as being not to a neutral but as to Ally of the British and their Allies".

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent comments that the Turkish decision will deprive Germany of at least half of her supplies of this essential alloy for hardening special steel used in armour plate etc. The sole remaining source of supplies open to her is in the mines of Yugoslavia and Greece but Guerilla activities have made deliveries precarious.—Reuter.

I. L. O. Conference Chief

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.

(From Reuter's Correspondent):

The New Zealand Minister to Washington Mr. Walter W. Nash said after his election as President of the I.L.O. Conference to-day that countries with high living standards had a special responsibility to ensure that the transition from war to peace economy was wisely planned and courageously carried out.

The British delegate to the Conference Sir Frederick Leggett said the British Government was in favour of the International Labour Organisation scrutinising international economic and financial agreements. He said he envisaged the I.L.O. as a body with requisite authority to formulate and secure adoption of basic minimum standards that shall apply throughout the world to conditions of employment—Reuter.

GAIN TO INDIA'S SELF-RESPECT

AMRITSAR, April 20.

Mr. Kodanda Rao of the Servants of India Society, who was with the Rt. Hon. Srinivas Sastri in South Africa, in a press interview, welcomed the statement issued by Mr. Clarkson, the South African Minister of the Interior, regarding the Pegging Act. "It is a gain to India's self-respect", he said that the South African Government has agreed to withdraw the Pegging Act. It is also a material gain that segregation is to be limited to occupation of residences only, and not retained for trade and ownership of property."—A. P.

INDIAN DELEGATES TO WORLD T.U.C.

NAGPUR, April 21: Mr. V. R. Kalappa M.L.A., who has been elected as a delegate to the World Trade Union Conference to be held in Britain has decided not to attend the Conference. The other two delegates Mr. N. M. Joshi and Mr. S. A. Dange will be leaving for London shortly to take part in the Conference.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Mr. K. G. Gokhale, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and a pleader of Belgaum, was ordered on a "habeas corpus" petition to be released immediately, on Friday, by a unanimous judgment of a Full Bench of the Bombay High Court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Sir Leonard Stone, Mr. Justice Kania, Mr. Justice Wadia, Mr. Justice Divatia and Mr. Justice Chagla.

Mr. Gokhale was arrested on August 9, 1943 at Nipani near Belgaum under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

—Report in evening paper.

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WILL U.N.R.R.A. HELP INDIA?

—Headline.

But there is no question that India WILL help the U.N.R.R.A.

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Lady Astor asked in the Commons: "Really would it not be good for India and for Mr. Sorensen if we sent him there?"

Sure, lady, sure! Good for India—and for the Secretary of State for India, too, as he will be spared so much heckling!

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Mr. Amery presumably does not read the papers!

It is not unlikely that when he writes to consult the Government of India he will get a reply asking him to supply "some information" about this person—Mrs. Naidu!—before they consult the Provincial Government about it.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Tata-Birla planners are in New Delhi to teach the art of planning to the Viceroy's Executive Councillors—in six easy lessons!*

(2) *Mr. Rajagopalacharlar has returned to Delhi and Mr. Jinnah to Lahore—but there is no connection between these two events!*

(3) *Mr. Jinnah is once again trying to persuade the Unionist Ministry to adopt the Muslim League label—just the label!*

(4) *Chaudrie Chhoturam has invited Mr. Jinnah to preside over the next session of the Jat Mahasabha.*

(5) *The withdrawal of the Pegging Act in South Africa being a triumph of Wavell Diplomacy, the Viceroy has been encouraged to try his diplomacy nearer home and (as special correspondents say) interesting developments are expected.*

(6) *Dr. Khare is so pleased with this triumph that he has finally decided to migrate to South Africa.*

NO MAGIC IN MERE VICTORY

Halifax On Need Of Winning Peace After War

MICHIGAN, April 21: The British Ambassador to the United States, Viscount Halifax, speaking at the Michigan University today said: "We are waiting as patiently as we may on great events.

We know that the dark days when even German and Japanese victory seemed possible are over. But the war is not yet over. It will still make the utmost demands of effort, of courage and of sacrifice from us all."

Viscount Halifax uttered a warning that peace too, would be no quick or easy business and continued: "There is no magic in victory which by itself will not set the world right. If we want peace we shall have to go on fighting and working and serving and perhaps spending our money. And we must not make the mistake again of supposing that it is enough just to set our signatures to documents. Whatever arrangements we may make for international order in the world, we must never forget that unless it has behind it force sufficient and ready to prevent its violation sooner or later, a Hitler or a Tojo or a Mussolini will rise up to challenge it. That places quite inevitably greater responsibility upon those who will have the greatest power—upon the United States, upon Russia, upon the British Commonwealth, and as she can develop her potential resources, upon China."

Invitation To Mrs. Naidu Under Discussion In Commons

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Shiva Prosad Gupta Seriously Ill

BENARES, April 21.—Babu Shiva Prasad Gupta, one time treasurer of the Indian National Congress and founder of the Kashi Vidyapith and the Hindi daily "AJ", is seriously ill with high blood pressure and fever. His conditions is stated to be causing anxiety—A.P.

DETROIT, April 20.

The Republican State Convention in Detroit to-day commended Mr. Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York State as 'overwhelming' favourite of Michigan voters for the Republican Presidential nomination.—Reuter.

EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.,

Chairman On 46 Years' Progress Of Firm At Annual Meeting

At the 47th annual general meeting of the Empire of India Life Assurance Co., Ltd., held on Friday evening the Chairman addressing the Shareholders said:

It is my privilege to welcome to the Forty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Company those Shareholders who attend to-day. I assume I may take the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943 as read as they have been in your hands for some days. Before proposing their adoption I would like, in accordance with my usual custom, to give a short review of the year's work.

NEW BUSINESS

Although we are now in the midst of the fifth year of war, the results of the Company's operations during 1943 are, in the opinion of the Directors, very satisfactory. New business has shown great expansion. 11,750 policies for Rs. 2,62,15,000 Sums Assured were issued and they represent an increase of 6,148 in policies and of Rs. 1,26,30,000 in Sums Assured on those of the previous year. The average new policy was for Rs. 2,231.

Big figures, however, should not lead one to assume that a large expansion of new business is the 'sine qua non' of Life Assurance or that it is the criterion by which a Life Office should be judged. On the contrary, unless new business can be obtained at a reasonable cost and conform to the requisite standards of quality its procuration would be detrimental to the interests of existing Policy-holders. The policy of the Company has always been to give every attention to such matters and during the past year our careful selection of risks has been fully maintained as it is not our desire to obtain business merely to augment our figures.

The value of a close scrutiny of risks is enhanced when dealing with a large volume of new business which, under existing conditions, contains an appreciable element of inflation. Had it not been for this careful selection our new business figure would have been even larger than it is

ECONOMY OF MANAGEMENT

The corollary of a heavy influx of new business is for the Expenses of Management to rise and our experience follows the general rule. During the past year these expenses resulted in the ratio of 25.4 per cent to the premium income. Bearing in mind, however, the very large increase in new business with its concomitant costs and the inevitable increase in certain items of expenditure due to the war, the enhanced ratio is moderate and satisfactory.

CLAIMS.

Claims by death for Rs. 13,21,000 arose and our mortality experience was again favourable. Claims by maturity were Rs. 33,24,000. The total claims paid by the Company over a period of forty-seven years now amount to Rs. 8,38,51,000. This imposing figure broadly reveals not only the extent of the relief afforded by Life Assurance to the dependents of deceased policyholders but also the magnitude of the payments made to those assureds who have lived to receive during their lifetime the benefits of their prudence and foresight.

STRENGTH OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The Life Insurance Fund during the year increased by Rs. 28,62,000 and with the Reserve Funds amounted to Rs. 6,01,26,000 on 31st December 1943. The total Assets of the Company are Rs. 6,30,46,000. All our investments are in Gilt-edged Securities of the highest class and are in terminable loans repayable at par on fixed dates.

The prices of gilt-edged securities by 31st December 1943 had risen to even higher levels than were current a year before: our investments have thus shown a similar increase in value and a correspondingly greater difference between Market and Book Values. As Market Values are to some extent artificial we prefer to base an examination of the financial strength of the Company on redemption values. On this basis, the difference between the Redemption Values of our Securities and the Values at which they stood in our Books on 31st December 1943 amounted to the large sum of Rs. 1,00,59,000 which is irrespective of the Investment Reserve Fund of Rs. 28,06,000. It is of interest to note that a similar comparison between the Market and Book Values revealed a margin of Rs. 1,41,20,000. These margins, while testifying to the success of our investment policy and indicating the strength of the Company's position, constitute a most substantial buffer against future depreciation in capital values. Since the year closed the market prices of securities have receded to some extent from their former high values but the fall is small in comparison with the provision made for such an eventuality.

TAXATION.

The relief afforded to Life Assurance Companies by the recent Budget is most welcome and is evidence that their just and special claims for a reduction in taxation have been recognised. On our part we have continued our policy of full support to the war effort of the Country by investing all our available funds in Government Securities. It will be of interest to many to learn that since the war began the Company has invested in such Loans a sum which to date exceeds Rs. 106 lacs. We are pleased to assist in the success of the policy of cheap money which we regard as an essential feature of war finance.

The gross rate of interest earned by the Life Insurance Fund during 1943 was Rs. 5-4-0 per cent while the net rate was Rs. 4-6-7 per cent. The latter rate reveals a welcome improvement upon that secured in 1942. This satisfactory feature is due principally to the "writing back" of tax over-provided for the British Indian Assessment for 1942-43 and to recoveries of tax obtained on certain income which was doubly taxed.

THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY LIFE ASSURANCE.

At the cost of repetition I emphasize once again the importance of Life Assurance especially in times like the present for, in addition to it being a pre-eminently suitable method for family protection, it is an excellent means for combating the evils of inflation by the absorption of surplus moneys, which might otherwise be spent in less suitable ways.

We are all urged to save for the future and to invest our spare moneys in Government Securities. It is perhaps not sufficiently realised how this end is achieved by means of a Life Assurance Policy to the combined advantage of the Individual and the Community. To the former, Life Assurance provides the best form of financial and family protection: to the latter, the absorption of surplus money exercises a beneficial effect on commodity and price values, while its subsequent investment in Government Loans augments National Savings.

I therefore say with the utmost conviction that the transaction of new Life Assurance Business under existing conditions is clearly of two-fold importance. Every new policy provides added security for dependents and each new premium paid constitutes a contribution to National Savings.

Since the close of our year our rates of premium have been enhanced. The increase, which applies to new business secured after 31st December, 1943, is generally very moderate and has been inevitable owing to the reduction in interest rates during past years and to increased taxation. It should also be noted that the previous increase in premium rates took place as far back as in 1923.

Having dealt with the principal features of the year's work, it now remains my pleasant duty to express to our Officers and Staff both at the Head and Branch Offices and to our Chief and other Agents throughout the Country the Directors' appreciation of their combined efforts and loyal co-operation. To my colleagues on the Board I am indebted for their unfailing and always helpful support. The war continues to prevent Mr. E. F. Allum's visit to India and thus postpones our welcome to him.

Finally, I venture to assert that a careful consideration of our Report and Accounts will afford unqualified satisfaction to all who are interested in the welfare of the Company. Its record is one of growth and strength and to intending Assureds whose chief consideration is Security it provides Life Assurance at a low cost supported by a financial position which enables it to offer future policyholders advantages which compare very favourably with those obtainable elsewhere.

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JANJIRA STATE DEWAN DEAD

(From Our Correspondent.)

JANJIRA STATE, April 20.

Rao Bahadur Atmaram Bhimaji Achrekar, Dewan of Janjira State, died to-day suddenly of heart failure at Jafrabad where he had been on a short official tour.

By his sudden loss the Janjira State public, especially the student world, has lost its big supporter. It was Mr. Achrekar who generously responded to the deputation of the students led by Mr. D. S. Umrootkar to lift the ban on the meetings in the State and himself became the wholehearted supporter of the student movement.

DEATH OF LORD SNELL

LONDON, April 21.

Lord Snell, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords, died early this morning in London.

Labour Peer Lord Snell of Plumstead was the first farm labourer to sit in the House of Lords. He was raised to peerage on his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for India in 1931. He entered the House of Commons in 1922 and from 1934 to 1938 he was Chairman of the London County Council.

A self-made man, he was educated at four universities — Nottingham, London, Heidelberg and Zurich.—Reuter.

A TOWERING PERSONALITY

MADRAS, April 21.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, paid a striking tribute to the memory of Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, on learning the news of his passing away.

"The greatest figure of South India", Mr. Rajagopalachari said feelingly, "has disappeared from the scene. He was one to whose undaunted courage and Parliamentary skill India owes a very great deal.

Dr. Vijayaraghavachariar was the pride and glory of South India for the past 60 years. Nurtured in the traditions of civil liberty as expounded by the political philosophers of the 19th century, he was its greatest exponent and defender among all Indian politicians throughout his life. I remember with what persistence he pressed for the incorporation of fundamental rights in the Congress declaration, which finally was incorporated at Karachi.

TOWERING PERSONALITY

"For courage in opposing the trespasses of Executive authority, there was no equal to him. In every conference where he took part he became easily the towering personality over-topping all others."

PASSING AWAY OF MRS. K. IYENGAR.

The death occurred on the 16th inst. at the residence of Rao Bahadur Dr. P. K. Warrier, Cherpalcheri, Malabar, of Mrs. Mary Ann Meenakshi Iyengar, aged 57 years. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Mannargudi Kalianaramier, and relict of the late Rev. K. S Krishnasawmy Iyengar, founder and editor of the "United India and Indian States". Mrs. Iyengar after the decease of her husband in Delhi in 1933 conducted the journal.

"TIME" ON MATTHAI'S DISAPPEARANCE

NEW YORK, April 21.

"Time" magazine's current issue devotes an entire page to the disappearance of the Indian girl Valsa Matthai, a month ago to-day.

The Magazine quotes Capt. John U. Cronin, head of New York City Missing Persons Bureau, as saying "If she is in the river, may be we will know. We are just getting our December bodies up now. But they come up quicker in spring-time and we will know in May. If there is a thunderstorm we will know before that." The Bureau has checkedd 85 reports that Valsa had been seen and all proved erroneous, "Time" says.—Reuter.

JINNAH-TIWANA TALKS

LAHORE, April 21: Mr M. A. Jinnah resumed his conversations to-day with Malik Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab, on the question of the allegiance of the Muslim members of the Unionist Party to the Muslim League, when Malik Khizar Hyat Khan arrived at Mamdot House, where Mr. Jinnah is staying and was closeted with the League President for over two hours. It is understood that the talks will be continued to-morrow.—A. P.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Cotton backed and filled narrowly, routine mill price-fixing for near months and New Orleans buying of new crops meeting scattered hedging and liquidation. Activity was restricted reflecting uncertainties in connection with the higher textile wage demand, extension of price control and the foreign situation. The market closed steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 20.

May 21.02+03, July 20.58—01 October 19.89+02, December 19.69+02, January 19.61+02 March 19.49, May highest 21.02+03 (10-6 a.m.), lowest 20.96—03 (12-30 p.m.), Middling Spot 21.58.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May 21.18, July 20.75, October 19.93, Middling Spot 20.70.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

May 21.01, July 20.58, October 19.87.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

London, April 20.

THIS WEEK

Total bullion £613,000, Public deposits £7,700,000, (a) Other deposits £232,700,000, Government securities £196,600,000, (b) Other securities £16,300,000, Notes, gold and silver coin £29,900,000, Notes in circulation £120,800,000, Ratio of reserve to liabilities 12.42 per cent, (a) Other deposits include bankers £177,400,000, (b) Other securities include discounts and advances £15,200,000, Total deposits £240,400,000, Total securities £212,900,000.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, April 21.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was fairly steady to-day with scattered buying in Steel Shares while Cotton Mill Shares under restricted turnover failed to show any important change. The general feeling is undecided and there is more disposition to await further developments. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs.

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ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

T Steel Ord (394-1/2) 397-1/2 398-1/2 398 398-1/2 T Steel Dfd (2002-1/2) 2020 32-1/2 22-1/2 30 12-1/2 22-1/2; Dyeing (1987-1/2) 1995 98-3/4 90 95; Kohinoor (672) 673 75 71 73; Scindia (32-10) 32-14 33-3 32-12 32-14; New India Ins. (74-8) 75 78 74-1/2

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2,010 and advanced to Rs. 2,027, Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 398, and improved to Rs. 399, Bombay Dyeings changed hands at Rs. 1,995 and Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 678. Trading was restricted and price fluctuations were narrow.

The security market was firm with 3-1/2 per cent. Government paper quoting at Rs. 97/10

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmed Advance 512/8; Apollo 4/12; Bharat Mills 76; Bom. Dyeing 1995; Cent. India 437/8; Century 962/8; Colaba 230; Dawn 1675 Edwd. Sassoon 740; Elphinstone 108; Finlay 344; Gokak 354; Hindustan 4010; Ind. Bleaching 222; Ind. Untd. Ordy 19; do Defd 4; Indore Malwa 1130; Khatau 398/12; Kohinoor 673; Lakshmi 1485; Madhowji 24 Minerva 296/4; Model Nagpur 287/8; Morarji 696/4; Madhusudan 497/8; Meyer Sassoon 222/8; Mysore 295; New Great 402/8; Phoenix 684/8; Podar Mills 445; Sassoon Silk 104; do Spg. 29; Shri Nivas 425; Sholapur 1 Simplex 259; Swadeshi 624; Swan 381; Tata Mills 71; Vishnu 570; Western India 3650.

INSURANCE SECTION: Bom. Life 227/8 Empire Life 795; Vulcan 12/8; Oriental 6040; Indust. and Prudent 44; Ind. Mercantile 59; Jupiter 30/12; New India Ass. 74/8.

HYDRO AND ELEC. SECTIONS: Ahmed. Elec. 220 Ajmere Elec. 14/4; And. Valley Power 1840; Bom. Tram Ordy 145; Bom. Suburban 223/12; Broach 13/8; Karachi 260; Poona 300; Surat Old 220; do New Rs. 50/Prem. 70; Tata Power Ord 1875; Tata Hydro Ord. 200.

BANK SECTION: Bank of Baroda 137; Bank of India 170/8; Central Bank 73; Imperial (Fully-Pd.) 1887/8; Imp. Partly paid 482/8; Habib Bank 82 Reserve 128; Union 8/12.

PREF. SHARES: 7 per cent And. Valley 4710; 6 per cent Bom. Steamer 347; 7 per cent do Tram 66/8; 5 per cent Central India 737/8; 6-1/2 per cent Jupiter 20/4; 6-1/2 per cent Surat 198; 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 1st 139; 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 138; 6 per cent Tata I. and S. 1st 221/4 7-1/2 per cent do 2nd 159/8; 7-1/2 per cent Power 1785; 7 per cent Hydro 172/8; 7 per cent Vishnu 785.

DEBENTURES: 4 per cent And. Valley 107/12; 4 per cent Tata Power 107/10 4 per cent Tata Chem. 234; 6 per cent Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY SECTION: Ahmed. Prantej 765; Cent. Prov. 102/8; Dhond Baramati 116; Hoshiarpur Doab 108/4; Mandra Rhon 112/4; Mymensing Rebt 111; do Gtd 111; Sara Sirajganj 111; Sialkot Naro 110; do New 60.

MISC. GROUP: Alembic Chem. 370; Alcock Ashdown 600; Asso. Cement 225/8; Bom. Burma Old 380 do New 145/12 Belapur 244/8; Invest. Trust 66/4; B.B. Petrol 3; Bom. Steamer 632/8; Prem. Const. 221; Port. Canning 108/12; Scindia 32/14; Shivrajpur 61/8; Tata Chem. 29/12; Tata Oil 80 Tata Ordy 398/8; Tata Defd 2022/8; Wimco 325; Burma Corp. 3/7; B.I.C. 6/2-1/2 Ind. Copper 2/11 do Iron 36/6; Steel Corp. 27/8; New Viet. Ord 9/1-1/2; U.C. Bank 74; H.C Bank 58/8; Bradbury Pref 550; do Ord 417; Elphin. Pref. 122/8; Dharamsey Chem. 75/8; New City Mill 435; New Union 31; Jaipur Bank 68/8.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 3-1/2 per cent G.P. Note 97/10; 3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 97; 3 per cent 1966/68 Loan 97; 4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 111; 4-1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 115/4 3 per cent 1946 Def. 1st 101/11; 3 per cent 1949/52 2nd 99/15; 3 per cent 1961/54 3rd 99; 3 per cent 1953/55 4th 98/14; 3 per cent 1957 Vict. Loan 100/4AI.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 per cent B.P. T. 1974 112; 4 per cent M. Deb 1974 112; 5 per cent do 1959 120; 6 per cent 1964 121; 6 per cent K.P.T. 1956 129.

TAX-FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 104/9 4 per cent 1953-63 Loan 123/6; 5 per cent Mysore 1965 135/10.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The Bank sold about one lakh tolas of Gold to-day between Rs. 74-6 to 75-6. It was reported that local dealers co-operated in buying Gold with a view to hand over day's profits in relief funds. Gold was quoted at Rs. 75-6 and Forward Silver was done at Rs. 137-4. Ready Silver was quoted Rs. 140.

COTTON: After yesterday's sharp decline there was absence of any important selling and prices recovered under moderate short covering. May delivery opened at Rs. 423-8 and advanced to Rs. 425-8. The general feeling is uncertain and operators seem to have lost confidence. Thus there is a fear that prices may still decline and buyers are holding aloof. Indian cotton is selling at abnormally low prices about 470 points under American cotton.

Later on the market faced renewed selling pressure and prices flopped up. May delivery rate went down to Rs. 420/8 but again recovered to Rs. 424/8.

Closing prices:—

Jarilla May Rs. 424/8; Jarilla July Rs. 438/8; Jarilla Sept. 445/4.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York May 470 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 20.

I C C May highest 430-1/2, lowest 423-1/2, closing 423-1/2, I C C July highest 444, lowest 439, closing 439. I C C September highest 453 lowest 448, closing 448.

COTTON ROOM RATES

BOMBAY, April 21.

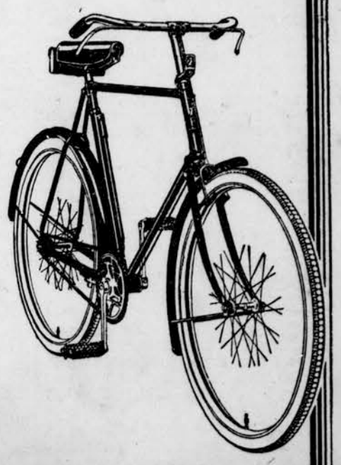
	Extra Spr-fine	Sup.	Fine	F.Good
Jarilla	449	439	429	422
Broach	434	429	424	419
Surti	575	570	565	560
4F. Pun/American	495	490	585	480
L.S.S. Pun/American	530	525	520	515
289F. Pun/American	585	580	575	570
Saw-Gd 4 F.	520	515	510	505
do L.S.S	570	565	560	555
do 289F	635	630	625	620
MG. 4F. Sld/Ame. do	530	525	520	515
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our MANDVI BRANCH which has been temporarily functioning from our Main Office at Sir Pherozshah Mehta Road, would again resume work at its premises at Jakharia Masjid Road, with effect from Monday the 24th of April, 1944.

J. C. THAKKAR,
Managing Governor.

Bombay, 20th April 1944. (8568)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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WANTED.

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NOTICE

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RODERICK PARKES.
Secretary to the Resident for Kolhapur & the Deccan States
(8553)

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition, received under Section 36(d) and (h) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special (Urgency) Meeting of the Corporation to consider a proposition expressing the Corporation's sorrow at the death of a large number of persons as a result of the explosions and fires in the City on Friday, the 14th April, 1944, etc., a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, the 27th April, 1944, at 2 p. m. (BOMBAY TIME).

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 21st April, 1944. (8570)

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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NOTICE.

THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Vishwabharati Insurance Co., Ltd. will be CLOSED from 1st May, 1944 to 15th May, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. G. DWIVEDY,
Managing Director.

21st April, 1944. (8565)

THE UNION BANK OF INDIA LTD.

NOTICE.

THE UNION BANK OF INDIA, LTD. beg to inform their Mandvi Branch constituents that, since the destruction of the Bank's records, which were in their Mandvi Branch at the time of the recent fires, they are endeavouring to reconstruct the accounts of the Mandvi Branch constituents from the materials in their possession at the Head Office. This, however, despite all efforts to expedite the matter, must entail considerable labour and time.

The work will be considerably expedited if their Mandvi Branch constituents will please produce to them their Pass Books and the Current Account balance confirmations as at 31st December, 1943, sent to them. (8564)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dr. M. B. REHMAN, KHAN BAHADUR ABDULRAHIMAN TAHIR, AHMED HAJI ESMAIL NAKHODA and NAYYER LAIG AHMED, the present Trustees of Haji Ebrahim Haji Saki Ladha Trust have contracted for the absolute sale to our client of the properties described firstly and secondly in the Schedule hereunder written: All persons having any claim to any of the said properties by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, mortgage, sale, gift, charge, lien, lease or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make such claim known in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from this date. Otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim which will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY:—All that piece of land with salt works thereon known as "Fateh Sultan", containing 665 "Kundis', admeasuring 53 Acres and 3 gunthas, situate at Trombay in Taluka South Salsette in the registration Sub-District of Bandra bearing Survey No. 111 and bounded, on the East and North by Saltish waste land and on the West and South by saltish waste land and beyond by creek.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of land with Salt Works thereon known as "Mouj", containing 313 "Kundis", admeasuring 26 Acres and 3 gunthas, situate at Trombay in Taluka South Salsette and bounded on the East, West and South by Saltish waste land and beyond by creek and on the North by "Khanchi."

Dated this 21st day of April, 1944.

BHATT & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys
5, Military Square Lane, Bombay.
(8569)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from domiciled residents of Bombay Province for the post of Studio Assistant, Architectural Section, Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay. Qualifications: Diploma in Architecture of the Government of Bombay, preferably with Matriculation. Scale of Salary: Rs. 130—25—180. The appointment will be for three years only and the selected candidate will be on probation for one year. The candidate must be competent to act as a Teacher in Architecture and the age not to exceed 30 years on the date of appointment. Applications stating domicile, experience, qualification, age, present employment if any and enclosing copies of certificates must reach the Director, Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay, on or before the 30th April, 1944. (8559)

LEGAL NOTICES.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

The Property known as "TARA MANSION" on Lease hold plot No. 292 Dadar-Matunga Estate of the Corporation, opposite Matunga Railway Station (G.I.P. Rly.) will be sold by public auction on SUNDAY, the 30th day of April, 1944, at 5 P. M. on the premises.

The area of the plot 1481¾ square yards. The present monthly rental income excluding garage Rs. 1061|-. Annual Ground rent Rs. 2.272|-.

For printed copies of particulars and conditions of sale and other details, apply to Messrs. K. J. Kale & Company, Attorneys-at-Law at their Office at 39, Medows House, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

K. J. KALE & CO.,
Attorneys for Baj Indirabai Joshi.
(8471)

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that the firm of Messrs. Ranchhodlal & Co., carrying on business as Cloth Merchants at No. 250, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay 2, has been dissolved on and from 31st March, 1944 by mutual consent of the partners Mr. Shivprasad alias Batuklal Punjilal Trivedi and Mr. Chhotubhai Bhikhabhai Desai and now the first party the said Mr. Shivprasad alias Batuklal Punjilal Trivedi will be carrying on the said business in the said name as the sole proprietor thereof with effect from 1-4-1944.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1944

(Sd.) BHOGILAL L. PADHYA,
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